

**Minutes of the Fremington Parish Council Environment & Community
Committee meeting held on Thursday 31st March 2022 at 10.30am in the
Beechfield Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs H Walker (Chairman), J Cann, D Dixon and S Kingdom

Mrs E Badcock, Executive Officer (Maternity Cover)

2203/19 **Apologies**
Cllrs Bell and Haywood

2203/20 **Declarations of Interests**
None

2203/21 **Public Participation**
None

2203/22 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th February 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2203/23 **Re-wilding at Griggs Field**
At the Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on the 7th March 2022, it was agreed that members of the Environment and Community Committee be invited to visit the re-wilding area at Riverside Park. It was decided that it will be difficult to arrange a meeting when all members of both Committees could attend together. It was therefore agreed that individual members should visit, when available to do so, prior to this matter being brought back to the Parks & Open Spaces Committee for further consideration.

2203/24 **Siting of a solar light at the Community Building, Riverside Park**
The Executive Officer reported that the request regarding installation of a solar light by the Scout Group is still awaiting a response from the Conservation Officer at North Devon Council.

2203/25 **Climate Emergency - Update**
Cllr Dixon produced figures indicating that electricity consumption increased at the Tews Lane changing rooms and the Beechfield Centre between December 2020 and February 2022. Members felt that the increase was due to the impact of lockdown over the last two years and agreed that this is a long term monitoring project and we will not be able to look at this until next year. Looking at energy efficiency, Cllr Dixon advised that he has requested details of a new type of fabric solar panel which is very lightweight and may be able to be placed on the Tews Lane roof and the Beechfield Centre roof.



Reports supplied by the Administration Officer regarding alternative renewable energy resources at the sewage treatment plant at Fremington Quay and the Tews Lane changing rooms were noted.

Meeting ended at 10.50am

Signed *RJWalle* Dated *28/4/22*